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Ms. Linda K. Wertz
Deputy Commissioner for Medicaid and CHIP
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
P.O. Box 13247
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Ms. Wertz:

I am pleased to inform you that your amendment request for the Texas Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0221.90.R1 has been approved effective September 1, 2001. This HCBSW program, as authorized under the provisions of section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act, provides an array of home and community-based services as an alternative to institutionalization in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR). This amendment has been assigned control number 0221.90.R1.02 which should be used in all future correspondence regarding the program.

Specifically, this amendment adds forty-one (41) political subdivisions (counties) to the waiver. The following counties are added to the waiver service area: Aransas, Bee, Live Oak, Refugio, Mitchell, Scurry, Sterling, Callahan, Jones, Coleman, Eastland, Brown, Cherokee, Morris, Marion, Cass, Bowie, Winkler, Gaines, McLennan, Bell, Bosque, Deaf Smith, Gray, Hutchinson, Moore, Donley, Dallam, Hansford, Atascosa, Frio, Cooke, Grayson, Hunt, Fannin, Matagorda, Waller, Burnet, Stephens, Ward and Upton. The total enrollment for the waiver is retained within the approved capacity for the waiver program.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley of my staff at 214-767-6278.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
Regional Administrator

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations